--12. (New) In a dot matrix display having a plurality of scan lines and a plurality of signal lines arranged in matrix form, a display element coupled between each scan line and signal line at an intersecting point, a circuit to reduce erroneous activation of the display element comprising:

a reduced voltage source having an output voltage less than a voltage used to drive the display element;

a discharge circuit for coupling each of the scan lines to the voltage source at a time when the scan line is not activating a display element, whereby charge accumulating at a display element is discharged to reduce erroneous activation of the display element.

- 13. (New) The display of Claim 12 wherein the dot matrix display is a light emitting diode (LED) display.
- 14. (New) The display of Claim 13 wherein the discharge circuit comprises a plurality of LEDs, one LED being coupled between each scan line and the reduced voltage source for discharging charge accumulating on each of the LEDs and on the scan line.
- 15. (New) The display of Claim 14 wherein the discharge circuit further comprises a switch coupled between one electrode of each of the LEDs and the reduced voltage source.
- 16. (New) The display of Claim 15 wherein the discharge circuit comprises LEDs of one column of the matrix, the LEDs of the one column being covered so as not to form a visible part of the display.
- 17. (New) The display of Claim 14 wherein the discharge circuit comprises a plurality of switches, one switch being coupled between each LED and the reduced voltage source.

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- 18. (New) The display of Claim 14 wherein the discharge circuit further comprises a current source coupled between each switch and the reduced voltage source.
- 19. (New) The display of Claim 17 wherein the discharge circuit further comprises a current source coupled between each switch and the reduced voltage source.
- 20. (New) The display of Claim 12 wherein the discharge circuit comprises a plurality of resistors, each resistor being coupled between one scan line and the reduced voltage source.
- 21. (New) The display of Claim 12 wherein the discharge circuit further comprises a plurality of scan line buffer circuits each coupling a scan line to the reduced voltage source when not driving a display element.
- 22. (New) The display of Claim 21 wherein each buffer circuit couples its respective scan line to a driving voltage source when it is driving the display element.
- 23. (New) The display of Claim 12 wherein the reduced voltage source is at the eference potential.
- 24. (New) The display of Claim 15 wherein the reduced voltage source is at the reference potential.
- 25. (New) The display of Claim 17 wherein the reduced voltage source is at the reference potential.
- 26. (New) The display of Claim 18 wherein the reduced voltage source is at the reference potential.